REMARKS

Claims 1-23 have been previously cancelled and claims 24-28 are now pending. Applicants thank the Examiner for the courtesy of a phone conversation in which claims 24-27 were discussed along with new claim 28 which is being added herein. Claim 24 has now been amended to recite "provided that the relative weight ratio of any 3, 5-pyrazoladine dione not having a 4-hydroxy group (impurity) to said compound of formula I is not more than 50 parts impurity to 50 parts formula I." Support for this amendment may be found at page 3 of the originally filed specification, first full paragraph.

In addition, in reviewing the claims, we note a minor typographical error to claim 27 which we wish to bring to the Examiner's attention prior to the examination of this case - C_4H_9 was substituted for C_1H_9 . Support for this amendment can be found on page 3 of the originally filed specification and in the figures therein. Further, the dependencies in claims 25-27 have now been corrected. New claim 28 merely claims the 10:90 weight ratio found in the first full paragraph on page 3 of the specification.

Applicants now believe the application is in condition for allowance. If the undersigned attorney can assist in any matters regarding examination of this case, the Examiner is invited to call at the number listed below.

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